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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Oswald et al.

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For: Method and Apparatus to
Establish and Optimize
Sedimentation and Methane
Fermentation in Primary
Wastewater Ponds

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AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This application received a Notice of Allowance mailed January 3, 2002. This amendment presents amended claims and new claims for examination.

In the Claims:

Marked up versions of all revised claims, showing insertions and deletions, are included in Appendix A.

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice. Claim 17 was previously canceled.

Please amend the claims as follows:

12. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said establishing step includes the step of creating a fermentation zone within said primary waste pond.

13. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said creating step further comprises the step of forming a fermentation zone between approximately 6 to 8 meters deep.